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**Remarks/Arguments:**

The application has been amended. In particular, the specification has been amended to include reference to corresponding PCT/EP2003/004641.

Also, the claims have been amended. In particular, original claims 1-39 have been canceled and replaced with claims 40-70. These amendments do not introduce new matter

With respect to the claim amendments, new claim 40 incorporates subject matter from original claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 12. Moreover, new claims 41-43 incorporate subject matter from original claims 4-6. Also, new claims 44-46 incorporate subject matter from original claims 8 and 9. New claim 47 incorporates subject matter from original claim 13. Furthermore, new claims 48-51 incorporate subject matter from original claims 16-19. New claims 52-57 incorporate subject matter from original claims 21-26. Finally, new claims 58-70 incorporate subject matter from original claims 29-39.

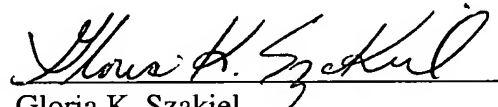
**SUMMARY**

The application, including new claims 40-70, is believed to be in condition for examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria K. Szakiel", written over a horizontal line.

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